

AN ADVENTUROUS WOMAN.

Encounters Hardships and Dangers in the Cameroons.

Miss Kingsley, the English woman who has just returned from a trip through the Cameroons region in Africa, is the sensation in England just now. Miss Kingsley's trip, which is the second one she has made, was for the purpose of studying the "fetish" customs of the natives and for collecting specimens of fish for the British Museum.

She went 250 miles up the Ogowe river, much farther than the French can guarantee protection. She started in a canoe with eight natives. The canoe journey was a long one, and nearly a dozen times the craft was upset and its occupants were thrown into the water. The current was strong and Miss Kingsley had several narrow escapes, being saved more than once by clutching the rocks in the rapids and by holding on to them until the natives righted the canoe.

Miss Kingsley had the most remarkable adventures in the Fangwe country while traveling overland from the Ogowe river to the Rembwe. The Fangwes are cannibals of the most pronounced type, always at war with each other, and are one of the few tribes in Africa who eat their own dead. Miss Kingsley had with her three elephant men or hunters of the Fangwe tribe and four Djuma men.

As the little band approached each Fangwe town it was found to be in a state of defense, and the leader of the band very often fell into some trap which the inhabitants had laid outside the town for the enemy. As the expedition had no proper bandages when one of the carriers was injured he had to have his wounds bound up with leaves. When the journey was resumed Miss Kingsley found the traps numerous and every kind of obstacle placed in the paths.

Miss Kingsley did not come across one burial place in the Fangwe country, but she found that in most of the native mud huts pieces of human beings were being kept, just as civilized people keep fresh meats and other eatables in their larders.

Owing to tribal fighting Miss Kingsley had to make a detour and come on the as yet unexplored Lake N'covi. She crossed this lake and passed a night on one of the numerous islands in it. As far as Miss Kingsley could judge Lake N'covi was about ten miles wide where she crossed, and about fifteen miles in another direction. She also crossed the little-known range of mountains called the Sierra del Crystal. These varied from 6000 feet to about 8000 feet in height, and at the foot of each group was a mud swamp, in which the explorers sank nearly up to their necks.

Miss Kingsley will return to West Africa in a few months to make further explorations.—Chicago Tribune.

Volcanoes Again Active.

INDIO, Cal., January 5.—Prospectors and railroad men from the desert report seeing immense quantities of smoke and steam rising off the desert toward the volcanoes below the Cocopah mountains during the day and a bright light at night, showing that the volcanoes in that vicinity are again in active operation.

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